

House Resolution No. 3289

Whereas, the youth of the state and nation are our most precious resource for the future and deserve to grow up in a safe, secure, and loving home where they can realize their full potential; and

Whereas, foster care is an essential component in today's world and a practical means by which to provide children with a safe and loving home; and

Whereas, in 2005, 144 children were in state custody in Adair County and 17,626 children were in custody in the State of Missouri; and

Whereas, nine million children under the age of eighteen suffer from a psychiatric disorder which compromises their ability to function; and

Whereas, child abuse and neglect continue to plague society, accentuating the need for heightened community awareness in order to support those children who have suffered the separation from their own families to participate; and

Whereas, foster parents generously and unselfishly open their homes in an admirable effort to nurture and to support those children who have been separated from their families; and

Whereas, it is important to recognize the enduring and invaluable contributions of concerned, caring, and compassionate foster parents:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in recognizing the month of May as Foster Care Appreciation Month in Missouri; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation during Foster Care Appreciation Month.

Offered by _____
Representative Robert J. Behnen
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I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3289, adopted May 12, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker